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Signing ceremony for the 2008-2009 Ambassador's Special Self-Help (SSH) Program

On Tuesday, October 28th, U.S. Ambassador Marquardt has signed agreements under the Ambassador's Special Self-Help (SSH) Program of the American Embassy with representatives of eight organizations from seven regions of Madagascar. Under these agreements, the U.S. government will contribute to sustainable social and economic development projects proposed by Malagasy communities, associations and NGOs.

For this year's Self Help Program, eight projects, out of more than 200 applicants, have been awarded a total of \$40,000 in communities all over the country. Contribution of the U.S. government to these projects ranges from \$2,000 to \$7,000.

Following is a table of the organizations and their projects.

Organization	Region	Description
Association Mitsinjo	Alaotra Mangoro	This park association will provide environmental education opportunities to up to 500 local school children through school programming, hands on workshops and local radio presentations.
Association Hita	Analanjiroro	The association will build a latrine and purchase materials, including solar panels to improve an already existing local library.
Association TIVAM	Sava	This association will construct wells for the community to provide a source of clean drinking water for approximately 4,000 people.
Sanitec	Atsinanana	This organization will purchase a Ball Mill for milling the ingredients for making water filters in order to produce and sell ceramic water filters at subsidized prices to families in and around Tamatave.
Association Tsaravatsy	Menabe	The association will purchase a motorized plow and trailer with accessories in order to increase agricultural production of rice and grains.
Fokontany Soanierana	Analamanga	Fokontany Soanierana will construct a water tower in Ambohipanombo for the local population including especially a primary school.
Mother's Association	Diana	This association will build a well, shower and latrine for a kindergarten school.
Global Medical Center Madagascar	Analamanga	The ONG will purchase 100 heart valves to treat hydrocephalic children.